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New Westbound I-80/94 Lanes Scheduled To Open To Traffic

Ramps At Central Avenue and Southbound I-65 Will Also Re-Open

GARY, Ind. – The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) plans to shift traffic to the new westbound travel lanes on I-80/94 (Borman Expressway) Friday morning, May 27. Crews will begin work to make the switch at 9 p.m. Thursday and should have the new lanes open to traffic by 5 a.m. Friday.

To prepare for the switch, there will be several restrictions and closures overnight Wednesday and Thursday. The schedule is subject to change in the event of inclement weather:

- The left lane of the ramp from northbound I-65 to the westbound Borman will be closed beginning at 9 p.m. Wednesday.
- The entire ramp from northbound I-65 to the westbound Borman will be closed beginning at midnight Wednesday. The ramp will reopen by 5 a.m. Thursday.
- The right and center lane of the westbound Borman will be closed at times beginning at 9 p.m. Thursday.
- The ramp from northbound I-65 to the westbound Borman will be closed at midnight Thursday.
- The ramps from the westbound Borman to north and southbound I-65 will be closed at midnight Thursday.

The moves are the latest step in opening all lanes of the highway to traffic by the end of June. With the opening of the new westbound lanes, traffic headed toward Chicago will now have four through lanes. The ramps from Central Avenue and from southbound I-65 to the westbound Borman Expressway will also re-open.

Work will continue for the next few weeks on completion of the center median wall. Once that is finished by the end of June, traffic on the eastbound side of the highway will also have four lanes of travel.

This project is the final element of the complete rebuilding of the Borman Expressway between the Indiana/Illinois state line and I-65. The project consisted of three contracts over a five-year period that began in spring 2007.

The first contract included the construction of new ramps from northbound I-65 to westbound I-80/94 and eastbound I-80/94 to southbound I-65, and rehabilitation of three bridges within that area of roadway.

The second contract, which began construction in 2008, included upgrading I-65 over I-80/94 and upgrading the other ramps between the Borman Expressway and I-65.

The third contract, which began construction in 2009, included adding a travel lane and connector lane to eastbound and westbound I-80/94, as well as replacing the pavement between Broadway (S.R. 53) and Central Avenue.

The new highway is expected to handle traffic volumes for 20 years and features:

- More lanes - for a total of four through lanes in each direction.
- New collector-distributor lanes to help motorists easily enter and exit the highway.
- Lengthened interchange ramps and new bridges to maximize vehicle flow.
- Enhanced lighting and improved drainage.

INDOT reminds drivers to use caution and consider worker safety when driving through a construction zone. For the latest news and information about INDOT, visit www.in.gov/indot or www.trafficwise.IN.gov. Contact the LaPorte District toll free at 1-855-GO-INDOT.

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